Scam in development of private security personnel at IGIA, Delhi

104. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has recently unearthed a scam in development of private security personnel at Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details of the investigation; and

(c) the names of the officials found involved in the scam and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against some officers of Airprots Authority of India *viz.*, Shri R.P. Kaim, the then General Manager (Cargo), Capt. R.K. Malik (Retd), Deputy General Manager (Security) and Capt. Sudhir Malik, Assistant General Manager (Security) and three private persons in the matter of deployment of less number of private security personnel while obtaining payment for more number at the Cargo Terminal at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi. The case is under investigation by CBI.

Regularisation of ground staff in IA

105. SHRI BALAVANT *alias* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ground staff employed in Indian Airlines have not been regularised even after four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the promotion of various categories of ground staff employees is also pending for a long time; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has its permanent ground staff who are regular employees of the company. There is, therefore, no question of regularisation of the service of such employees.

Indian Airlines also employs casuals on need basis. Casuals being temporary daily rated workers their services can not be regularised.

(c) and (d) In accordance with recruitment and promotion rules of Indian Airlines, there is time bound promotion schemes for non-technical and technical categories in groups B,C and D. In respect of other categories, promotion is vacancy based which are filled up as per the laid down process of selection.

Air connectivity between important cities

†106. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken several vital decisions for the air connectivity of important cities;

(b) if so, the names of cities provided with air connectivity in the last one year; and

(c) the number of cities being considered by Government for providing air connectivity during the year 2005-06 alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Government, from time to time, takes various measures to encourage/improve air connectivity in the country. For the period from January 2004 till date scheduled airlines have commenced flights to following cities:

Jet Airways: Agartala and Patna.

Sahara Airlines: Coimbatore and Srinagar.

Air Deccan: Ahmedabad, Agra, Amritsar, Bagdogra, Bhavanagar, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Delhi, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Jaipur, Jammu, Kanpur, Kohlapur Kolkata, Lucknow, Nasik, Surat, Vadodra and Vizag.

Kingfisher Airlines (commenced operations *w.e.f.* 9th May, 2005): Bangalore, Delhi and Mumbai.

Royal Airways (commenced operations *w.e.f.* 23rd May, 2005): Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Delhi, Goa, Mumbai and Pune.

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